The Thirty-Ninth Report

of the

Central Free Dispensary

of

West Chicago

at

Rush Medical College

For the Period of Four Years
extending from January 1, 1908,
to December 31, 1911

With the Charter and By-Laws

Located in Senn Hall of Rush Medical College
1744 West Harrison Street

THE

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Location and Hours

The Dispensary is located in Senn Hall, Rush Medical College, 1744 W. Harrison street, and is open daily, excepting Sundays and legal holidays, *for the gratuitous treatment of the sick poor.* The hours for admission for each department are stated on pages 5 and 6.

Call at the Dispensary *when it is open.* Telephone West 147.

Invitation to Visitors

All who desire to obtain a personal knowledge of the necessity of such an institution, its practical benefits to the sick poor, and its claims on the liberality of our citizens, are invited to visit the Dispensary.

THE CENTRAL FREE DISPENSARY

OF WEST CHICAGO

ORGANIZED MAY 4, 1867 : INCORPORATED APRIL 1, 1873

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DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE.

HOURS, 8:30 TO 9:30 A. M.

MEDICAL STAFF—Drs. Frank Billings, J. B. Herrick, B. W. Sippy, B. M. Linnell, J. L. Jacque, R. T. Woodyat, W. E. Post, E. E. Irons, John Ritter, Leon Bloch, Sidney Strauss, Christian Dencker, W. W. Hamburger, Robert S. McCaughey, F. O. Frederickson, Geo. Halperin, H. W. Abelman, John J. Alderson, Willard W. Dicker, I. M. Trace, Hermann A. Klein, R. C. Reimche, L. E. Phipps, S. F. Waterman, C. A. Griffith, R. C. Brown, R. H. Cox, Eugene Talbot.

DEPARTMENT OF PEDIATRICS.

HOURS, 8:30 TO 9:30 A. M.

MEDICAL STAFF—Drs. J. M. Dodson, A. C. Cotton, J. W. Vanderslice, Julia Merrill, I. J. Franklin, F. W. Allin, Grace Campbell, Maria B. Maver, G. L. Kaufmann, C. G. Grulee, L. M. Bowes, G. R. Henry.

DEPARTMENT OF NERVOUS SYSTEM.

HOURS, 8:30 TO 9:30 A. M.

MEDICAL STAFF—Drs. Thor Rothstein, J. C. Gill, Sidney Kuh, Peter Bassoe, G. W. Hall, Josephine Young, S. Krumholz, Edw. Bodman, W. F. Dey, E. T. Secor.

DEPARTMENT OF SURGERY.

HOURS, 10:30 TO 11:30 A. M.

MEDICAL STAFF—Drs. A. D. Bevan, C. A. Parker, D. D. Lewis, C. J. Rowan, C. G. Davis, D. B. Phemister, V. Schrager, P. Oliver, J. P. Grimes, Geo. Davis, H. L. Kretschmar, H. A. Potts, T. J. Motter, D. C. Strauss, Steindler, Bush.

DEPARTMENT OF SURGERY (GENITO-URINARY DISEASES).

HOURS 2:30 TO 3:30 P. M.

MEDICAL STAFF—Drs. W. T. Belfield, R. H. Herbst, Theo. Drozdowitz, H. J. Polkey, Robert Ransmeier, J. G. Berkowitz.

DEPARTMENT OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY.

HOURS, 10:30 TO 11:30 A. M.

MEDICAL STAFF—Drs. J. Clarence Webster, A. B. Keyes, F. W. Lynch, Carey Culbertson, W. B. Fehring, N. S. Heaney, Mary Johnstone, H. E. Mock, E. Cleverdon, F. H. Harms.

DEPARTMENT OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOLOGY.

HOURS, 1:30 TO 2:30 P. M.

MEDICAL STAFF—Drs. E. Fletcher Ingalls, J. E. Rhodes, O. T. Freer, G. A. Torrison, Geo. Shambaugh, Elmer Kenyon, David Fiske, G. W. Boot, T. W. Lewis, S. A. Friedberg, Robert Sonnenschein, W. G. Alexander, D. B. Hayden, F. L. Williams, H. R. Baumgarth, J. Szymanski.

DEPARTMENT OF OPHTHALMOLOGY.

HOURS, 1:30 TO 2:30 P. M.

MEDICAL STAFF—Drs. W. H. Wilder, E. V. L. Brown, J. B. Ellis, F. A. Lane, A. A. Hayden, C. G. Darling, C. P. Small, G. W. Reeder, P. A. Crum, H. M. Farquharson.

DEPARTMENT OF SKIN DISEASES.

HOURS 1:30 TO 2:30 P. M.

MEDICAL STAFF—Drs. O. S. Ormsby, H. G. Anthony, E. L. McEwen, W. A. Quinn, W. J. M. Cuningham, E. W. Potthoff, A. N. Mackay, J. F. Waugh.

President's Report

To the Directors of the Central Free Dispensary of West Chicago.

Gentlemen:—It would be difficult to estimate the good done by the Dispensary during the forty-five years of its activity in helping the sick in this division of our great city who have been unable to properly care for themselves. During the year 1911, the Association has had 49,115 applications for assistance.

Much of the detail work of the Dispensary devolved on the Directors, through a Superintendent, until the year 1902, when Dr. Philip Adolphus, who had been Superintendent for a number of years and to whom much of the success of the Dispensary is due, resigned. The care of the Dispensary was then put in charge of a committee of three, called Committee on Dispensary Work, and has since that time been done by them and most successfully. Dr. John M. Dodson and Mr. James H. Harper have been members of this committee since its creation and last year Dr. James B. Herrick was elected as their associate.

The usefulness of the institution would be much enhanced by a plan of following the patients to their homes, investigating the conditions under which they live and securing for them such changes in these conditions, in the matter of food, clothing, nursing, home environment and the like, as would promote their restoration to health and self-support. Such "follow-up" work, which has been so conspicuously successful at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, would require the services of some visiting nurses and of persons trained in the methods of modern sociology. I would urge that every effort be made to interest the citizens of Chicago in this feature of the work of the Dispensary, to the end that the necessary pecuniary support for this work may be secured.

Yours most respectfully,

HENRY I. BURKHARDT,
President.

Chicago, January 31, 1912.

Report of the Treasurer
of the
Central Free Dispensary of Chicago
From January 1, 1908, to December 31, 1908

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand			$1,618.92
Cash from Instruments		$1,649.46	
Cash from Dispensary Patients		3,933.87	
DONATIONS.			
Chicago Telephone Co	$ 41.67		
Fuller & Fuller	25.00		
Theo. A. Schmidt	25.00		
Hilton Lithographing Co	10.00		
Francis Beidler	10.00		
James Simpson	100.00		
W. G. Zoller	100.00		
H. E. Bell	100.00		
Mary W. Borden	25.00	436.67	6,020.00
			$7,638.92

DISBURSEMENTS.

Salaries—			
Distributor	$702.32		
Druggist	720.00		
Record Clerk	157.70		
Janitress	451.20		
Visiting Physician	80.00		
Nurses	241.62		
Electrical Treatment	80.00	$2,432.84	
Supervision		400.00	
Allowance to Ex. Supt		225.00	
Drugs		1,598.14	
Supplies and Expense		1,017.91	$5,673.89
Cash on hand December 31, 1908			1,965.03
			$7,638.92

Report of the Treasurer
of the
Central Free Dispensary of Chicago
From January 1, 1909, to December 31, 1909

RECEIPTS.

Cash on Hand			$1,965.03
Cash from Investments		$1,489.35	
Cash from Dispensary Patients		3,871.12	
DONATIONS.			
Fuller & Fuller	$ 25.00	25.00	5,385.47
			$7,350.50

DISBURSEMENTS.

Salaries—			
Distributor	$737.50		
Druggist	744.30		
Record Clerk	500.00		
Janitress	419.94		
Nurses	300.00		
Visiting Physicians	80.00		
Electrical Treatment	140.00	$2,921.74	
Supervision		200.00	
Allowance to Ex. Supt		225.00	
Drugs		1,403.68	
Supplies and Expense		1,056.32	$5,806.74
Cash on hand December 31, 1909			1,543.76
			$7,350.50

Report of the Treasurer

of the

Central Free Dispensary of Chicago

From January 1, 1910, to December 31, 1910

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand			$1,543.76
Cash from Investments		$1,487.44	
Cash from Dispensary Patients		4,470.64	
DONATIONS.			
L. R. Hall	$ 10.00		
Fuller & Fuller	25.00	35.00	5,993.08
			$7,536.84

DISBURSEMENTS.

Salaries—			
Distributor	$720.31		
Druggist	777.90		
Record Clerk	480.00		
Janitress	450.00		
Visiting Physician	20.00		
Nurses	300.00		
Electrical Treatment	80.00	$2,828.21	
Supervision		200.00	
Drugs		1,194.63	
Supplies and Expense		1,283.72	$5,506.56
Cash on hand			2,030.28
			$7,536.84

Report of the Treasurer
of the
Central Free Dispensary of Chicago
From January 1, 1911, to December 31, 1911

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand			$2,030.28
Cash from Investments		$1,494.30	
Cash from Dispensary Patients		4,807.30	
DONATIONS.			
Francis Beidler	$ 10.00		
Fuller & Fuller	25.00	35.00	6,336.60
			$8,366.88

DISBURSEMENTS.

Salaries—			
Distributor	$783.95		
Druggist	810.00		
Record Clerk	489.50		
Special Clerk for Diagnosis	124.25		
Janitress	450.00		
Nurses	300.00		
Electrical Treatment	200.00	$3,157.70	
Drugs		1,474.80	
Supplies and Expense		1,466.22	$6,098.72
Cash on hand			2,268.16
			$8,366.88

Annual Report of the Treasurer
of
Central Free Dispensary of Chicago
December 31, 1911

Assets in hands of B. W. Ripley, Treasurer:

Mortgage on Rush Medical College, 6 per cent	$11,000.00	
Four Auditorium Bonds, $500.00 each, 5 per cent	2,000.00	
Two Chicago Railway Co. Bonds, $1,000.00 each, 4 per cent.	2,000.00	
Six Chicago Railway Co. Bonds, $1,000.00 each, 4 per cent.	6,000.00	
Cash on hand	2,268.16	$23,268.16

To the Trustees of the Central Free Dispensary.

Gentlemen:

We respectfully report that we have this day examined the Bank Statements and Check Books, and compared them with the Cash Book. The receipts and disbursements were checked item by item and found correct. We verified the Cash Balance and securities as herein enumerated and certify to their correctness.

GEORGE MASON,
EMMONS B. COBB.

Chicago, Feb. 3, 1912.

In hands of Trustees Rush Medical College, Account John Phillips Fund, from which the Central Free Dispensary receives the income:

Three bonds Chicago Auditorium, 5 per cent	$3,000.00
Nine bonds Chicago Auditorium, 5 per cent	4,500.00
One Chicago Board of Trade bond, 4 per cent	100.00
	$7,600.00

BRADFORD W. RIPLEY,
Treasurer.

Chicago, December 31, 1911.

CENTRAL FREE DISPENSARY

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISPENSARY WORK FOR THE YEARS 1908-11, INCLUSIVE

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Board of Directors:—Your Committee on Dispensary work presents as part of its report, tabulated statements of the attendance of patients at the Dispensary for the years 1908-11, inclusive. A study of the figures presented shows that there has been a steady increase in the amount and character of the service rendered to the sick poor. In the item of "new" patients, the year 1908 is the high water mark in the history of the institution, the total number being 16,208, as contrasted with 15,482, for the previous year. This large number is doubtless largely to be accounted for by the financial depression in 1907 and 1908. While the number of new patients admitted in the succeeding years, 1909, 1910, and 1911, is not so large, the number of revisiting patients and the total number of visits shows a steady increase, as follows:

	1907.	1908.	1909.	1910.	1911.
Revisits	17,469	24,458	25,148	30,476	35,167
Total visits	32,951	40,646	38,032	45,143	49,155

These figures clearly indicate that the Dispensary is doing yearly more thorough and efficient work, the average number of visits being only a little more than two per patient in 1907, while in 1911 it was nearly four visits—or double the number made in 1907. This shows that the cases are being followed up more closely, and that more efficient service is being rendered. In the several departments the figures show an increase in the total number of visits between 1907 and 1911, as follows: Medicine—from 5,005 to 9,704, an increase of 94 per cent; Diseases of the Nervous System, from 2,395 to 3,896, an in-

crease of 62½ per cent; Pediatrics, from 3,647 to 4,399, an increase of 20 per cent; Surgery, from 5,410 to 7,347, an increase of 36 per cent; Genito-Urinary Surgery, from 3,911 to 5,386, an increase of 38 per cent; Gynecology, from 1,848 to 2,588, an increase of 40 per cent; Laryngology and Otology, from 4,586 to 5,003, an increase of 9 per cent; Ophthalmology, from 3,474 to 3,464, no change; Diseases of the Skin, from 3,684 to 4,218, an increase of 14 per cent.

The great increase in the department of Medicine is partly due to the fact that diseases of the Chest, formerly combined with those of the Throat and Nose, were, in 1908, transferred to the department of Medicine. On the other hand, diseases of the Ear were, at the same time, transferred to the province of this department, being separated from the department of Ophthalmology, with which they were previously united. This accounts for the lack of increase in the department of Ophthalmology. So many factors have to do with the fluctuations in dispensary attendance that too much importance cannot be attached to the lesser variations from year to year. The notable increase in most departments, however, in the last four years is evidence of the increasing usefulness of the institution. The total number of visits has, indeed, reached about the maximum capacity of the institution even with the commodious quarters furnished in Senn Hall, and the large and faithful medical staff. It has been found necessary to curtail the hours of attendance by requiring patients to be present not later than 9:30 A. M., for departments open from 9 to 11, by 11:30 in all departments open from 11 to 1, and not later than 2:30 p. m. for departments open from 2 to 4. Even with this plan it is frequently necessary for the attending physicians to remain an hour or more beyond the regular period assigned, in order to properly care for all the patients admitted. Each patient is subjected to a thorough examination, a careful diagnosis made, and the proper therapeutic measures determined and advised, and all of this takes much time.

In accordance with the recommendation of this committee in 1909, all of the clinical records were removed to a central place in the reception room in the Dispensary, and placed under the charge of a clerk, who attends to the filing of the records, makes out the name cards, the diagnosis cards, and all cross-references. This plan has greatly improved the character of these records, and the convenient handling of them. Recently temporary additional help has been employed to bring the diagnosis indexes up to date, and at the present

time all of the clinical records, numbering now over 50,000, are carefully entered on the diagnosis cards, provided for that purpose. The rich clinical material of the Dispensary is thus made available for the students of large groups of cases of the same or allied diseases.

The index of diseases, compiled by Dr. W. E. Post, of the Staff, has been of great service as a basis of this diagnosis index. This entailed a great deal of time and labor by Dr. Post, and the thanks of the Dispensary are certainly due him, and to the other members of the faculty who assisted him, for this valuable service.

The department of Tuberculosis, established in connection with the Chicago Tuberculosis Institute, now under the charge of the city, has proved one of the most effective and useful in the institution. Its rapid growth is shown by the figures presented in the tabulated statement, there having been an increase from 741 visits in 1908, the first complete year of its establishment, to 2,235 visits in 1911.

The follow-up work by the Visiting Nurses in this department has been especially thorough and satisfactory. It is greatly to be hoped that the time will come when the funds of the Dispensary will warrant inauguration of similar social service and follow-up work in connection with the other departments. This plan seems a much more effective way of following patients to their homes, and securing the restoration of the patients to health and self-support than any other plan that has been tried. It has made unnecessary the employment of a physician to visit their homes, and the former plan of employing such a physician has been discontinued.

The custom of interrogating applicants to the Dispensary as to their financial conditions has been continued, and a large number of applicants found able to pay a physician are refused treatment each year. The investigation of doubtful cases has, in part, been made by the Visiting Nurses, and in part by the Bureau of Charities. We regret to say that the plan projected by the Chicago Medical Society for the better coöperation of the numerous Dispensaries of the city with the purpose of lessening the abuse of medical charities has made little progress. It seems now very uncertain when a satisfactory method for this purpose can be put into operation.

The recommendation of the committee in 1907 that the old formulary, in which numbers were used to designate various drugs and preparations, be abolished, has been carried out. The formulary has been revised, and prescriptions are now written in full as in private

practice. This has greatly improved the results both as to the treatment of patients and the instructions of students.

The Milk Commission of the Children's Hospital Society was organized some time ago into an Infant Welfare Society, whose work has assumed a much larger scope, the emphasis being laid at the numerous stations throughout the city, on personal contact with the mothers, and their instruction in the methods of how to care for their babies. These stations have ceased, therefore, to be merely a place for the distribution of milk, and the station at the Dispensary, for this purpose, has been closed. It is the opinion of your committee that the Dispensary offers one of the best possible fields for the establishment of one of the Infant Welfare Stations. We would recommend that a committee be appointed to confer with the officers of the Infant Welfare Society of Chicago, with a view of securing, if possible, the establishment of an Infant Welfare Station at the Dispensary. In the department of Pediatrics facilities have been provided for the preparation of milk, and infant feeding, and an effort is being made to instruct mothers, students and nurses along these lines.

In the department of Surgery a small, but admirably equipped operating room has greatly increased the facilities of the Dispensary for taking care of patients who need minor operations.

An X-Ray equipment has been installed in the college building, so that the patients who need this invaluable method of diagnosis or treatment are able to secure the same at a nominal cost, or without any cost when they are unable to pay for the same.

In October last, at the request of the Illinois State Commission for the Investigation of Industrial Diseases, arrangements were made for the establishing of a station at the Central Free Dispensary on Industrial Diseases, in charge of Dr. Emery Hayhurst. To this station are referred, from other departments of the Dispensary, all cases of diseases in which the occupation of the patient can possibly have had to do with his condition. The Dispensary can thus be of great assistance in this important work of investigating the occupational diseases in which the State of Illinois is taking the leading part, without in any way interfering with its service in the care and cure of these patients, but, quite to the contrary, with the effect of enhancing that service.

In conclusion your committee would express the opinion that the service now being rendered to the Dispensary by the Distributor, the

Druggist and the Clerk is altogether the most satisfactory which the Dispensary has had in its history.

(Signed)

JAMES B. HERRICK,
JAMES H. HARPER,
JOHN M. DODSON,
Chairman.

Annual Report of Patients at the Central Free Dispensary for the Year 1908

Medicine		Nervous		Children		Surgery		Genito-Urinary		Gynec.		Throat, Nose and Ear		Eye		Skin		Tuberculosis		New Patients	Old Patients	Total	Paid 5 Cents	Paid 10 Cents	Paid 25 Cents	Paid 50 Cents	Free	Prescriptions Filled	Refused Treatment
New	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New	Old										
2993	4734	796	2497	1544	1477	2519	3397	1388	3283	833	1809	2314	2398	1403	2079	2118	2435	312	429	16208	24438	40646	2393	32793	98	38	5298	31757	1295

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Medicine		Nervous		Children		Surgery		Genito-Urinary		Gynec.		Throat, Nose and Ear		Eye		Skin		Tuberculosis		Massage		New Patients	Old Patients	Total	Paid 5 Cents	Paid 10 Cents	Paid 25 Cents	Paid 50 Cents	Free	Prescriptions Filled	Refused Treatment
New	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New	Old										
2573	4445	983	3221	1407	1722	1683	3464	1281	2761	635	2008	1632	2943	1169	1981	1289	2059	230	546	3	88	12884	25148	38032	79	34488	5	20	3431	34308	1343

Annual Report of Patients at the Central Free Dispensary for the Year 1910

Medicine		Nervous		Children		Surgery		Genito-Urinary		Gynec.		Throat, Nose and Ear		Eye		Skin		Tuberculosis		Massage		New Patients	Old Patients	Total	Paid 5 Cents	Paid 10 Cents	Free	Prescriptions Filled	Refused Treatment
New	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New	Old								
3137	5517	518	3214	1407	1773	2441	4790	1365	3226	777	1889	1878	3343	1289	2114	1389	2294	460	1988	9	328	14667	30476	45143	30	39787	5326	33258	1591

ANNUAL REPORT OF PATIENTS AT CENTRAL FREE DISPENSARY FOR THE YEAR 1911

MONTH	Medicine		Nervous		Children		Surgery		Genito-Urinary		Gyne-cology		Throat, Nose and Ear		Eye		Skin and Venereal		Tuber-culosis		Massage		Total		Total	Paid 10 Cents	Free	Prescriptions	Refused Treatment
	New	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New	Old					
January	249	509	37	281	109	156	160	369	89	288	65	130	157	313	91	200	141	281	54	204	....	46	1152	2777	3929	3126	803	3232	229
February	272	461	38	285	122	161	129	321	100	270	50	125	146	225	106	212	161	304	26	187	1	67	1151	2618	3769	2941	828	2975	220
March	310	567	37	330	142	244	174	475	153	366	49	196	195	324	117	228	144	267	52	213	1	77	1374	3287	4661	3820	841	3611	210
April	314	502	54	292	137	199	199	403	97	351	69	147	155	317	90	179	145	260	26	183	1	64	1287	2897	4184	3263	921	3205	257
May	336	624	43	363	158	188	268	465	125	385	54	139	163	302	108	164	145	258	44	181	1	64	1445	3133	4578	3832	746	3490	228
June	289	590	50	362	120	135	269	438	99	322	66	161	131	172	98	182	153	264	33	143	1	71	1309	2840	4149	3321	828	3206	222
July	285	536	42	323	173	233	231	495	119	325	57	155	141	299	82	141	122	228	33	120	2	86	1287	2941	4228	3615	613	3062	220
August	276	580	42	319	143	202	239	563	99	361	62	189	129	348	90	167	126	276	20	151	1	54	1227	3210	4437	3904	533	3255	217
September	186	437	16	258	119	209	163	612	80	324	43	190	93	238	56	167	95	215	19	167	....	72	870	2889	3759	3347	412	2587	103
October	269	529	27	246	178	325	99	423	86	264	67	192	99	268	114	249	74	162	12	121	....	90	1025	2869	3894	3428	466	3039	10
November	241	508	5	228	201	276	91	313	98	379	40	161	73	290	98	224	46	138	1	118	....	96	894	2731	3625	3182	443	3197	13
December	269	565	16	202	153	316	69	379	133	473	36	145	101	324	95	206	51	162	4	123	....	80	927	2975	3902	3383	519	3387	14
Total	3296	6408	407	3489	1755	2644	2091	5256	1278	4108	658	1930	1583	3420	1145	2319	1403	2815	324	1911	8	867	13948	35167	49115	41162	7953	38246	1943

Thirty-Ninth Statement

of

Dispensary Work Among the Sick Poor

of the

West Division

Organized May 4, 1867.

Incorporated April 1, 1873.

	From 1867 to Dec. 31, 1911, 45 years.	For the 12 months ending Dec. 31, 1911.
Total number of patients	542,595	13,948
Number of visits of patients to the Dispensary	1,123,126	49,115
Number of visits to homes of patients	120,000	.....
Number of prescriptions furnished	1,122,431	38,246
Number of patients refused treatment	14,971	1,943
Number of vaccinations up to 1873	7,634	.....
Cost of conducting Dispensary for the 12 months ending December 31, 1911	.....	$6,098.72
Received of patients	.....	4,807.30

Chicago, Dec. 31, 1911.

HISTORY

The Central Free Dispensary of West Chicago was organized in 1867, under the title of the Brainard Free Dispensary, and incorporated under its present title on April 1, 1873. At different periods for nine years it occupied small rooms at 232 W. Randolph street, 79 W. Madison street, 95 W. Randolph street, 136 N. Sangamon street, and 239 W. Van Buren street. It was supported at first entirely by private donations. These were supplemented from 1870 to 1884, and at intervals from 1890 to 1895, by an annual appropriation from the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, ranging from $500 to $1,000.

During the two years following the disastrous fire of October, 1871, the work of the Dispensary was greatly augmented, especially in the out-of-door department, by the increased number of destitute sick. Much of this work was performed under the direction of the Chicago Relief and Aid Society, which, in 1873, donated to the Dispensary as a fund the sum of $4,000.

In 1871, the Herrick Free Dispensary was founded under the auspices of the Relief and Aid Society, to assist in relieving the destitution caused by the recent disaster. The Dispensary occupied rooms on Wright street, near Twelfth street, and confined its task to the care of the sick poor in the southern portion of the West Division.

In 1873, this new Dispensary, to which the Relief and Aid Society had donated, as a permanent fund, the sum of $5,000, was united with the Central Dispensary, under one organization. The medical boards continued in office, each with special duties. By this union the funds of the two institutions having been united, the two superintendents of the Central Free Dispensary were increased to $9,000, which were subsequently increased to $19,500, by adding to them a portion of the annual income of the Dispensary. The income derived from this money is expended in the charitable work for which this organization was created. In addition to this the Dispensary is the recipient of the interest accruing from a legacy, known as the "John Phillips Fund," and left by the late John Phillips, Esq., in 1869, to the trustees of the Rush Medical College, to be held in trust for dispensary purposes. This fund amounts to $7,743.31, and yields an annual income of $380.

In 1876, the Dispensary removed to spacious accommodations, in the lower story of the new Rush Medical College, corner of Harrison and Wood streets. These rooms were secured for a long term of years at a rental which cannot exceed $660 a year. By special arrangements with the college, this rent has been since 1888 only $330 a year, and is now reduced to a very small nominal sum.

In June, 1902, the Dispensary was transferred to Senn Hall, 1744 W. Harrison street, erected for dispensary purposes by Rush Medical College.

At the annual meeting held April 1, 1902, Dr. Philip Adolphus, who had for many years filled the position of Medical Superintendent, and to whose efforts the success of the Dispensary is largely due, resigned, and the changes in the management heretofore mentioned were made.

The Central Free Dispensary is thus fulfilling the three fundamental purposes, which should be subserved by every charitable dispensary or hospital, viz.: The care of the sick poor, the education of medical students, and the extension of existing medical knowledge by careful, scientific study of the material afforded by the patients.

ACT OF INCORPORATION OF THE CENTRAL FREE DISPENSARY OF WEST CHICAGO.

1. We, E. A. Bishop, A. G. Throop, John F. Eberhardt, John Crighton, Ephraim Ingals, S. P. Walker, P. W. Gates, J. P. Ross, Charles E. Chase, Hugh Templeton, Samuel Hoard and Philip Adolphus, do hereby certify that we purpose to form ourselves into a corporation (not of pecuniary profit) under the act of the General Assembly of the State of Illinois, approved April 18, 1872, and in force July 1, 1872, entitled "An Act Concerning Corporations."

2. The name of said corporation shall be the Central Free Dispensary of West Chicago, and said corporation shall endure for ninety-nine years.

3. The objects for which said corporation is formed are to aid all persons who are sick and unable to pay for medical attendance; to diffuse vaccinations by continuous and unwearied efforts, and to do this work efficiently at a very small cost and with no pecuniary profit.

4. The aforesaid persons shall constitute the Board of Directors for the first year.

5. The business of said corporation shall be located in Chicago, in the State of Illinois, and its business offices at such place or places in said city as a majority of its directors shall from time to time direct.

In witness whereof, we have herewith set our hands and seals this 14th daw of March, A. D. 1873:

A. E. Bishop.	[L. S.]
A. G. Throop.	[L. S.]
Ephraim Ingals, M. D.	[L. S.]
P. W. Gates.	[L. S.]
John Crighton.	[L. S.]
Samuel Hoard.	[L. S.]
John F. Eberhardt.	[L. S.]
Charles E. Chase.	[L. S.]
S. P. Walker.	[L. S.]
Joseph P. Ross, M.D.	[L. S.]
Hugh Templeton.	[L. S.]
Philip Adolphus.	[L. S.]

STATE OF ILLINOIS, }
COUNTY OF COOK. }

I, E. A. Sherburne, a Notary Public in and for said County, in the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that E. A. Bishop, A. G. Throop, John F. Eberhardt, Charles E. Chase, Ephraim Ingals, S. P. Walker, P. W. Gates, Joseph P. Ross, John Crighton, Hugh Templeton, Samuel Hoard and Philip Adolphus, who are personally known to me as the same persons whose names are subscribed to the annexed instrument of writing, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that they signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument of writing, hereto attached, as their free and voluntary act, for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

Given under my hand and notarial seal this 14th day of March, A. D. 1873.

{ E. A. Sherbourne, Notarial Seal, Chicago, Illinois. }

E. A. SHERBURNE,
Notary Public.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
GEORGE H. HARLOW, Secretary of State.

To All to Whom These Presents May Come, Greeting:

WHEREAS, A certificate, duly signed and acknowledged, has been filed in the office of the Secretary of State, on the first day of April, A. D. 1873, for the organization of the "Central Free Dispensary of West Chicago," under and in accordance with the provisions of "An Act Concerning Corporations," approved April 18, 1872, and in force July 1, 1872, a copy of which certificate is hereto attached.

Now, therefore, I, George H. Harlow, Secretary of State of the State of Illinois, by virtue of the powers and duties vested in me by law, do hereby certify that the said Central Free Dispensary of West Chicago, is a legally organized corporation under the laws of the State.

In testimony whereof I hereto set my hand and caused to be affixed the great seal of State.

Done at the City of Springfield this first day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three, and of the independence of the United States the ninety-seventh.

{ Seal. Great }

GEORGE H. HARLOW,
Secretary of State.

COUNTY OF COOK. } ss.
STATE OF ILLINOIS, }

No. 94,116.

I certify this instrument to be filed for record April 7, A. D. 1873. Recorded in Book 1 of Corporations, page 223.

JAS. STEWART, *Recorder.*

April 21, 1873.

BENNETT & SHERBURNE, 145 Monroe St., City.

FROM THE WILL OF THE LATE JOHN PHILLIPS, ESQ., MADE IN 1869.

SECTION 9.—"I give and bequeath to the Trustees of Rush Medical College, of the City of Chicago, Fifteen Hundred Dollars ($1,500), to be paid to them within one year from the date of my death; also the sum of Three Hundred Dollars annually while the said manufacturing business shall continue, both said Fifteen Hundred Dollars and annuity to be used by said Trustees in establishing and maintaining a Free Dispensary in and for the City of Chicago, and it is my wish that the same be managed by said J. P. Ross, M. D., as long as practicable, and thereafter by the Faculty of said College."

SEC. 17.—"At the final settlement of my estate [which occurred in 1886] it shall be divided into seven (7) equal shares. One of said shares shall be paid to said Trustees of Rush Medical College, to be used by them in furtherance of said Dispensary."

(The aggregate sums paid to the College were $7,733.81.)

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CENTRAL FREE DISPENSARY AND THE TRUSTEES OF THE RUSH MEDICAL COLLEGE, MADE IN 1875.—(Records of Cook County, Book 583, Page 266.)

The Central Free Dispensary of West Chicago and "The Trustees of the Rush Medical College" of Chicago, believing that the work of carrying on a Free Dispensary in the City of Chicago will be thus advanced, and that the duty of the authorities of the said Dispensary and of the will of the late John Phillips, of Chicago, to establish a dispensary will thereby in the interest of humanity be fulfilled, have entered into and do enter into the following agreement, to continue ninety-five (95) years:

SECTION 1.—The said Central Dispensary agrees to loan to the Trustees of said college, eleven thousand dollars ($11,000.00) [of which sum nine thousand dollars ($9,000.00) was donated by the Chicago Relief and Aid Society] for ninety-five (95) years, and to receive interest thereon at the rate of six per cent (6 per cent) per annum, payable semi-annually. The authorities of the college to give as security for said loan a first mortgage on their college property, which includes the lot (100x147 feet) on the northeast corner of Harrison and Wood streets, in the City of Chicago, and all its buildings and belongings. This loan to be perfected as soon as the college acquires a clear title to the said property. It is further agreed that should at any time one full year pass and the college fail to pay the interest on said loan, the loan shall, if the said Dispensary so elects, be terminated, and the full amount of both principal and interest shall then be due and payable.

SEC. 2.—The Trustees of the college agree to provide rooms for the use of said Dispensary in their college building, to be built on the lot above referred to; said rooms to be situated on the basement floor

of said building, said floor to be not more than three feet below the street grade; to be well lighted; to have a superficial area (floor space) of at least five thousand (5,000) square feet, to have a height of at least twelve, and be partitioned and arranged as the Directors of said Dispensary may direct and they do hereby lease said rooms to said Dispensary for a term of ninety-five (95) years. The Dispensary to pay such an annual rental for the said rooms, and for the proper heating of the same, as shall be fixed each year by the President of the Board of Directors of the said Dispensary and the President of the Trustees of said College, they to select a third person to decide in case they fail at any time to agree; Provided, the said annual sum paid shall in no case exceed the annual interest on the money loaned under the above agreement, and until all the moneys bequeathed by him for a Dispensary are available to the said Central Dispensary, the annual sum paid shall not exceed one-half the amount of the annual interest money on the said loan of $11,000. And the said rent shall be paid to the said College by being deducted from any actual payments of interest accruing out of the said Phillips Dispensary fund, which payments are made by the Trustees of said College to the said Central Dispensary according to the terms of this agreement and in no other way or manner whatsoever.

Sec 3.—The said Trustees of the said College, to the end that they may establish a Free Dispensary in the City of Chicago, according to the provisions of the will of the late John Phillips, do hereby agree to pay and turn over to the said Central Dispensary the whole interest from time to time accruing out of the Phillips Dispensary fund, of which they are Trustees; that now in their possession to be turned over at once, and that in prospect as soon as they shall come in possession of it. The said Dispensary hereby agrees to use the income from the said fund in maintaining, as hereinafter specified, a Free Dispensary for the City of Chicago.

Sec. 4.—The said Dispensary agrees to establish and to carry on and maintain, in the rooms herein above agreed to be leased to them in said College building, during the continuance of said agreement, a Free Dispensary for the City of Chicago; the same to be carried on in the manner provided in said will of said John Phillips as nearly as may be and under such rules as the Faculty of said College may approve; such Dispensary to be established within six months after the completion of the said College building.

Sec. 5.—The said Faculty, by this agreement, approved the By-Laws and rules of the said Board of Directors of the said Dispensary, now in force as rules under which the aforesaid Dispensary may be conducted. But there shall, during the continuance of this agreement, be no change in said By-Laws that will lessen the amount and character of the Dispensary work done, without the consent of the said Faculty, and other changes being permitted. No person shall, at any time, be appointed Medical Superintendent of said Dispensary work without the consent of said Faculty to such appointment.

Sec. 6.—The Central Dispensary aforesaid shall see that, as far as it is practicable, during the session of Rush Medical College, the cases coming to said Dispensary shall be used by the attending physicians for clinical purposes, and that they, the said physicians, give the clinics fathfully and in the interests of sound medical education. The students of the said College shall not, during the continuance of this agreement, be denied admission to the same clinics, nor shall they, during this time, be charged any fees for the same without the consent of the said Faculty of the said College.

Sec. 7.—The clinical professors of Rush College shall be allowed to use any of the clinical material of the said Dispensary for clinical purposes in the College rooms, provided that this shall always be done with the approval of the Medical Superintendent of the Dispensary and with the consent of the attending physicians in whose department such material shall fall.

Sec. 8.—This agreement is not intended to deprive the Directors of said Central Dispensary of any right they now have to establish other dispensing stations in West Chicago than their chief Dispensary.

In witness whereof, the Trustees of the said Rush Medical College do execute this agreement by the President thereof, and by causing the corporate seal of said College to be hereunto affixed, the attestation of the Secretary of said Board of Trustees being also hereunto subscribed, and in pursuance of a resolution of the Board of Directors of the Central Free Dispensary of West Chicago, the corporate seal of said corporation is hereunto affixed and these presents duly signed by the President and Secretary of the said Central Free Dispensary this ninth day of June, A. D. 1875.

L. C. Paine Freer, President.
[L. S.] R. M.C. Grant Goodrich, Secretary.
[L. S.] C. F. D. A. E. Bishop, President.
J. W. Farlin, Secretary.

BY-LAWS

OFFICERS AND THEIR ELECTION.

ARTICLE 1. The officers shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary and a Treasurer, to be elected annually by ballot from the Directors, and the officers so elected shall be, ex-officio, an Executive Committee.

DUTIES OF PRESIDENT.

ARTICLE 2. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Directors and Executive Committee, countersign all orders drawn by the Secretary on the Treasurer for money, and call special meetings of the Directors or the Executive Committee when he may deem it necessary, or whenever he is requested in writing to do so by any three directors.

DUTIES OF VICE-PRESIDENT.

ARTICLE 3. The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in his absence, or in case of death, resignation or removal from the city of the President, the Vice-President shall be ex-officio President until the end of the term.

DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY.

ARTICLE 4. The Secretary shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of all meetings of the Directors and Executive Committee, draw all orders for money on the Treasurer, have the sole custody and use of the corporate seal, make and sign all certificates of election of Directors, and see that they are recorded according to law. (See Articles 1, 10, 12 and 13.)

DUTIES OF THE TREASURER.

ARTICLE 5. The Treasurer shall have the custody and disbursement of all moneys belonging to the corporation, and shall invest the same only on the approval of the majority of the Directors. He shall give the corporation a bond, with security, to be approved by a vote of the majority of the Directors, conditional for the proper keeping, use, disbursement, investment and transfer to his successor of all moneys of the corporation which may come into his hands.

OFFICERS OF THE DISPENSARY.

ARTICLE 6. The President shall annually appoint a Committee of three, to be known as the "Committee on Dispensary Work," who shall hold their office until their successors are appointed.

DUTIES OF COMMITTEE ON DISPENSARY WORK.

ARTICLE 7. They shall have charge of the medical and financial service of the Dispensary, subject to the Executive Committee.

All instructions of the Executive Committee to the Medical Staff and employes shall be transmitted through the Committee on Dispensary Work.

They shall devise ways and means for meeting the expenses of the Dispensary, shall receive all donations from private individuals, and all funds received by them shall be paid over to the Treasurer.

They shall purchase all supplies required for the Dispensary.

They shall attend daily at the Dispensary, Sundays and legal holidays excepted.

They shall see that the Dispensary is open at regular hours, and that the members of the Medical Staff are prompt and careful to perform the duties assigned to them.

They shall, so far as possible, see that the teachers of Rush Medical College, who are consulting physicians, are provided by the Medical Staff with patients for clinical instruction.

They are authorized to temporarily suspend from service at the Dispensary any member of the attending or visiting staff for neglect of duty, provided they at once report such action to the President, or, in the absence of the President, to any member of the Executive Committee.

They shall recommend to the Executive Committee, after conference with the members of the Attending Staff, competent candidates for such vacancies as may from time to time occur in the Medical Staff.

They shall employ, at such salary as the Executive Committee may approve, one or more house physicians or clerks and an apothecary, whose labors they shall supervise and direct.

They shall render, semi-annually, to the Executive Committee a written statement of all business pertaining to the work of the Dispensary.

DUTIES OF PHYSICIANS.

ARTICLE 8. The heads of each of the departments of Medicine, Surgery, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Laryngology and Otology, Ophthalmology, and Dermatology in Rush Medical College, shall be the supervising physicians in each of the corresponding departments in the Central Free Dispensary. The head of the department of Medicine in Rush shall designate a physician, or physicians, who shall be the supervising physicians for the departments of Nervous and Mental Diseases and of the Diseases of Children in the Dispensary; similarly the head of the department of Surgery in Rush shall designate a supervising physician for the department of Genito-Urinary Surgery in the Dispensary.

Each supervising physician shall select the other attending physicians for his department, subject to the approval of the Committee

on Dispensary Work and the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors.

Physicians shall, on entering the service of the Dispensary, obligate themselves in writing to obey the By-Laws and such other regulations as the Executive Committee may from time to time adopt for the government of the Medical Staff.

They must use their best efforts to give punctual personal service to the patients of the Dispensary, and to be at all times in thorough accord with the Supervising Physicians of the department in which they serve.

Attending Physicians may select assistant physicians, subject to the approval of the Committee on Dispensary Work.

Attending Physicians shall attend at the Dispensary on such days and during such hours as the Executive Committee may from time to time determine, and shall, before proceeding to their clinic rooms, enter their names and the hour of their arrival in a book kept for that purpose in the office of the Dispensary.

They shall give plain and careful directions for mixing and using the medicines they may prescribe, and, so far as practicable, are expected to use formulas contained in the list of prescriptions prepared for the Dispensary.

They shall keep a careful clinical record of each case, together with a card index of the names of the patients, on the cards provided in each department for that purpose, by Rush Medical College.

ANNUAL MEETING OF DIRECTORS, QUORUM AND AUDITING COMMITTEE.

Article 9. The Directors shall meet annually, the first Tuesday in April, or as soon thereafter as a quorum can be assembled, and seven shall constitute a quorum for business. A majority of those present and voting shall bind the corporation, unless otherwise specified in the By-Laws, and in the absence of the President and Vice-President, may elect a President *pro tem.,* at which time an Auditing Committee of three shall be appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer and Committee on Dispensary work.

DIRECTORS—THEIR NUMBER, ELECTION AND TENURE OF OFFICE.

Article 10. Any person of good moral character, who may be a resident of Cook County, of the State of Illinois, may be elected a Director at any meeting. The vote shall be by ballot, and a majority of those voting shall be necessary for an election. The whole number of Directors shall not exceed twenty-two, at least one of them shall be a member of the Faculty of Rush Medical College, and their tenure of office shall continue during their pleasure and residence in Cook County. The Secretary in his call for a meeting of the Directors shall mention the name of any gentleman whose name is proposed for election as a Director.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

ARTICLE 11. The Executive Committee shall have power to act in behalf of the corporation in all things (excepting the loaning of money and the election of Directors) not contrary to law; and during the interval between the meetings of Directors they may fill, *ad interim*, any vacancy in the executive and other offices until the next meeting of directors.

SPECIAL MEETINGS OF THE DIRECTORS.

ARTICLE 12. Special meetings of the Directors shall be called by the President, giving a written notice thereof to the Secretary at least one week before the time of such meeting, and the Secretary shall thereupon give notice in writing, in person, or by mail, to each Director, and the Directors shall each give his address to the Secretary, who shall keep the same in his books for reference.

ALTERATION OF THE BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE 13. The By-Laws may be altered or amended at any legal meeting of the Directors, provided that notice of the proposed amendments shall be given to the Executive Committee by the party proposing it, at least one month before such meeting, and the notice calling such meeting (if a special one) shall be attended with a copy of the proposed amendment.

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